

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 7, 2009

SENATE BILL

No. 673

Introduced by Senator Cox

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 15956 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utility districts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 673, as amended, Cox. Public utility districts.

The existing Public Utility District Act authorizes the formation of public utility districts and authorizes a district to acquire, construct, own, operate, or control works for supplying its inhabitants with light, water, power, heat, transportation, telephone service, or other means of communication, or for the means for the disposition of garbage, sewage, or refuse matter. The act provides for the election of directors at large and requires that each office of director at large shall be designated as "director at large" number one, number two, number three, or number four, there being as many numbers as there are directors at large to be elected.

~~This bill would provide that a director at large may be determined either by those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes districtwide, or as director number one, number two, number three, or number four, there being as many numbers as there are directors at large to be elected.~~ *authorize the board of directors of a district to adopt an ordinance that provides that the candidates seeking election for directors at large receiving the greatest number of votes districtwide as there are directors to be elected would be elected to the board.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 15956 of the Public Utilities Code is
2 amended to read:

3 15956. (a) Candidates for directors at large shall be designated
4 in all declarations of candidacy, nominating certificates, and on
5 all official election ballots as candidates for a particular directorship
6 at large, in accordance with the declarations of candidacy which
7 the candidates have filed with the county elections official or the
8 clerk of the district, as the case may be. Each office of director at
9 large shall be designated as “director at large.” ~~A director at large~~
10 ~~may be determined either by those candidates receiving the greatest~~
11 ~~number of votes districtwide, or as director number large” number~~
12 one, number two, number three, or number four, there being as
13 many numbers as there are directors at large to be elected.

14 (b) *Notwithstanding subdivision (a) or any other provision of*
15 *this article, the board of directors of a district may adopt an*
16 *ordinance that requires that candidates for directors at large need*
17 *not designate a numbered office. The ordinance shall instead*
18 *require that the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes*
19 *districtwide as there are directors to be elected shall be elected*
20 *to the board of directors.*